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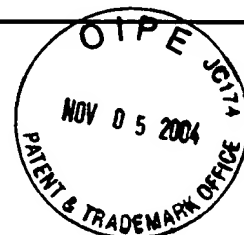|	
	Application Number — 09/462,493
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	**Filing Date** — January 21, 2000
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	**Group Art Unit** — 2654
	Examiner Name — Angela Armstrong
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
   a. ☒ Previously submitted
      i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on July 29, 2004
         (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
      ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously Filed on
      iii. ☐ Other:
   b. ☒ Enclosed
      i. ☒ Amendment to Claims filed Simultaneously with Filing of Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
      iv. ☒ Request for Extension of Time
      v. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous
   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
   b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees   The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
   a. ☒ Check in the amount of $1,770.00 enclosed.
   b. ☒ If payment in the appropriate amount is not enclosed, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper, including the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), any extension of time fees (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) necessary to render the RCE timely, and any suspension fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089

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Prior to examining the above-captioned application, the Examiner is

requested to enter the following amendment to the claims:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this Response.